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## Aviation Command Celebrates 50 Years Of Medevac Flights

(PIKESVILLE, MD) — The Maryland State Police medevac operation has a reputation for excellence renowned around the world.

Since 1970, the men and women of the Aviation Command have completed over 180,000 missions and transported more than 150,000 patients. They currently use a fleet of ten helicopters based at seven from Western Maryland to the Baltimore area to the Eastern Shore and Southern Maryland.

March 19th marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the command's inaugural medevac flight. The flight was called out at 11:20 a.m. when what was then called "Helicopter 108," responded to a traffic accident on Interstate 695 and Falls Road in Baltimore.

Pilot Corporal Gary Moore and medic Trooper First Class Paul Benson transported the patient to what was then known as the Center for the Study of Trauma, now known as the University of Maryland R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, in a turbine-powered Bell Jet Ranger helicopter.

"It took about 3 weeks before we got our first call because it was all new all over the state," retired Cpl. Moore said in a State Police video that highlighted the department's historic firsts. "That particular morning in 1970, [TFC] Paul [Benson] and I were the duty crew and we got that call at 695 and Falls Road. We flew out there, landed on the

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## MEDEVAC: Saving Lives for Five Decades

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**CPL Gary Moore, TFC Paul Benson**  
**First MSP Medevac Team**

highway, picked that patient up and took him down to the trauma center. That patient did live.”

That call was historic on many fronts. The mission represented the first time a civilian agency transported a critically injured trauma patient by helicopter. Prior to that, it had only been conducted in a military setting.

The driving force behind this expansion into the area of medical evacuation (medevac) was Dr. R Adams Cowley. Dr. Cowley, the founder of Shock Trauma in Baltimore, believed that medevac transportation of critically injured

patients to Shock Trauma would save lives.

He was right. Since the early 1970's, Shock Trauma and the Maryland State Police have earned

a worldwide reputation as the leaders in trauma care.

The program only continued to grow, including in the late 1980s following the procurement of the AS365 Dauphin helicopters which provided additional enhancements for the fleet, such as increased speed, the added safety component of two engines and additional space to accommodate two patients.

In 2013, the program improved even more when the department transitioned its fleet to the AgustaWestland AW139 helicopters. Additional safety measures were incorporated, along with the addition of a second pilot and a second medical provider to the standard flight crew.

To see a great video tribute to MSPAC and MD's first responders, go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mfY4loj7N2o&t=11s>



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**PHOTOS: Governor Larry Hogan Administers Oath of Office to  
Colonel Woodrow W. Jones III,  
the 20th Maryland State Police Superintendent**



On March 16, 2020, Gov. Larry Hogan officially swore in Col. Woodrow W. “Jerry” Jones III as the 20th Superintendent of the Maryland State Police. The swearing-in ceremony came after the state Senate expedited Col. Jones' confirmation. Prior to his appointment, Col. Jones served as chief of the Maryland Transportation Authority Police. Col. Jones had previously spent 27 years with MSP, beginning in 1988. During his career, Col. Jones served in every command position within the Field Operations Bureau.



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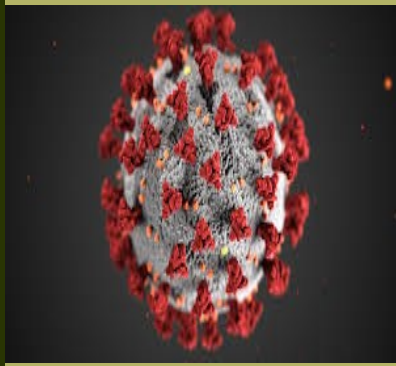
## Abundance of Caution Necessary During Coronavirus Crisis

### Safety Tip of the Month

As Maryland has multiple confirmed cases of COVID-19, all Marylanders are advised to take a few simple precautions to help reduce their risk of exposure:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water
- Cover your mouth and nose while sneezing or coughing
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Avoid contact with sick people
- If you are sick, stay home and call your health care provider
- Practice social distancing — keep distance between yourself and others and avoid crowds.

FOR THE LATEST UPDATES AND FACTS ON COVID-19 - PLEASE SHARE >> <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/>



(PIKESVILLE, MD) — If you have an emergency or need to report a crime in person, all Maryland State Police barracks remain open and ready to assist you. However, as a part of our state's effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19, we ask that for non-emergency police matters you consider the following before visiting our barracks in person:

### Questions about Handgun Permits/Handgun Transfers?

o Call MSP Licensing Division at (410) 653-4500 or visit <https://mdsp.maryland.gov/Organization/Pages/CriminalInvestigationBureau/LicensingDivision.aspx>

### • Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO)?

- o IF POSSIBLE, please consider waiting until closer to the due date to have the SERO signed off on.
- o If the due date is close, please bring and hold SERO to the window so we can retrieve the tracking/control number.

### • We DO NOT conduct any FINGERPRINTING SERVICES.

### • • Need a report?

- o Contact Central Records Division at (410) 281-2700 or visit <https://mdsp.maryland.gov/>



[Organization/Pages/SupportServicesBureau/CentralRecordsDivision.aspx](https://mdsp.maryland.gov/Organization/Pages/SupportServicesBureau/CentralRecordsDivision.aspx)

As always in emergencies, you can obtain state or local police assistance by dialing 911.

For the non-emergency phone number of your local barracks, <https://mdsp.maryland.gov/Organization/Pages/FieldOperationsBureau/allbarracks.aspx>

For any other questions, comments/concerns, the Maryland State Police Headquarters duty officer may be reached at 410-653-4200.





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## MSP Hosts Welcome Home Ceremonies For Personnel Returning From Military Service

The Maryland State Police held multiple Welcome Home ceremonies in recent weeks for troopers and personnel who recently returned from extended military deployments.

Trooper First Class Anthony Piscopo-Bann was deployed to the Middle East as an Army Calvary Scout with the New Jersey National Guard. During the Welcome Home ceremony, TFC Piscopo-Bann was presented with a Freedom Award for serving in combat.

In addition, TFC Piscopo-Bann was also presented his trooper first class promotion certificate by Leonardtown Barrack Commander Lt. Krystle Rossignol. He was



MSP pilot Curt Tucker (second from right) was welcomed home by Superintendent Col. Woodrow W. Jones III (left) after a four-month military deployment, which included time in Iraq.

promoted to trooper first class last May while he was deployed.

Adding to the ceremony, five of TFC Piscopo-Bann's Calvary troopers he deployed with drove down from upstate New Jersey to surprise him at the ceremony.

TFC Justin Seager, who is assigned to the Executive Protection Unit, recently returned from a 10-month deployment to Poland. TFC Seager, who is also a sergeant first class with the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, was part of a NATO Enhanced Forward Presence Battle Group along with counterparts from Romania, Poland, Croatia and Scotland.

Also recognized for his military service was civilian pilot Curt Tucker, who recently returned after a four-month deployment which included time in Iraq.

Tucker, who is a chief warrant officer 4 in the Army, served with an aviation regiment based out of Fort Eustis in Virginia. Tucker is assigned to Trooper 6 in Easton, Maryland.

Did you know that the Maryland State Police is actively seeking military veterans for trooper openings with the department? APPLY TODAY >> <https://mdsp.maryland.gov/Careers/Pages/StateTrooper.aspx>



TFC Justin Seager (center) recently returned from a 10-month military deployment to Poland.



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## Remembering The Legacy Of Cpl. Ted Wolf

*Trooper Was Killed In The Line Of Duty 30 Years Ago*

**(Originally Published On  
March 29, 2015)**

(PIKESVILLE, MD) — Corporal Theodore D. “Ted” Wolf, 40, a 16-year veteran of the Maryland State Police, was shot and killed early on the morning of March 29, 1990.

Assigned to the Waterloo Barrack, Corporal Wolf was patrolling I-95 near Rt. 175, when he stopped a vehicle for speeding. He did not know the vehicle was stolen and occupied by two career criminals who had recently been convicted of armed robbery and were due to start their sentences in a few days.

At about 4:00 a.m. that day, an off-duty Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Police officer stopped when he saw the patrol

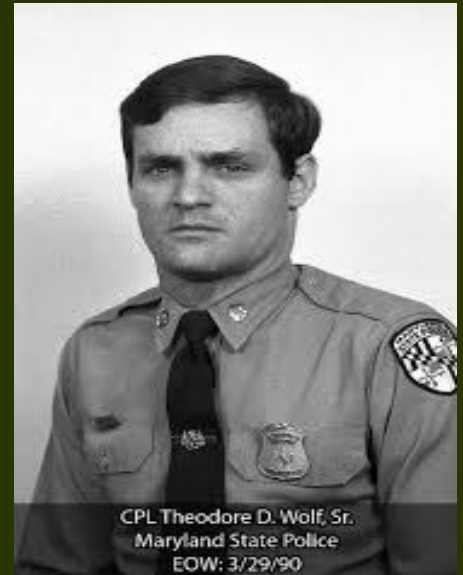
car on the shoulder with its emergency lights on and no other vehicle around. He found Cpl. Wolf in the front seat of the patrol car.

Following an intense and extensive investigation, the two suspects were arrested and convicted of the murder of Cpl. Wolf.

Cpl. Wolf left behind his wife, Ginni, his sons, Ted, Greg, and Nick, and his parents, Jane and Leroy.

Among the thousands of mourners who visited the funeral home were President George H. W. Bush and his wife, Barbara.

Although Cpl. Wolf only served 16 years as a trooper before his life was taken, his example and



memory have never stopped inspiring the men and women who have worn the same uniform since.

[On March 28, 2015], [now retired] Colonel William M. Pallozzi took the oath of office as the 19th Superintendent of the Maryland State Police.

Colonel Pallozzi was assigned to the Waterloo Barrack when he graduated from the State Police Academy in 1989. To this day, he remembers instruction and guidance given to him by Cpl. Wolf and the influence Cpl. Wolf’s work ethic had on him.





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## Multi-Agency Operation Leads To Drug Arrest In Allegany County

(CUMBERLAND, MD) – A month-long, multi-agency investigation led to the arrest Feb. 24 of a man on drug charges in Allegany County.

Gregory Allen Clark, 52, of Westernport, Maryland is charged with possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, possession with intent to distribute cocaine, drug possession and possession of a firearm in relation to a drug trafficking crime. Clark is being held without bail at the Allegany County Detention Center.

On Feb. 24, members of the Allegany County Narcotics Task Force, with the assistance of the Allegany County Sheriff's Office, Maryland State Police Cumberland Barrack, Maryland State Police STATE Team, Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office and Cumberland City Police served two search and seizure warrants in the 16000 block of National Highway in Frostburg, Maryland and the 200 block of Ross Street in Westernport, Maryland. The search and seizure warrants were a result of a month-long investigation into the distribution of methamphetamine in the Allegany County area.

Investigators seized suspected



methamphetamines and cocaine, packaged for resale along with drug packaging material and cash as a result of the search and seizure warrants. Furthermore, a handgun, long rifle and ammunition were also recovered by investigators.

Also discovered in the course of serving the search and seizure warrant were two explosive devices. A bomb technician with the Office of the State Fire Marshal responded to the scene to ensure the explosives were not a danger to the community. Additional charges are pending against Clark in connection with the explosive devices.

The investigation is continuing by the Allegany County Narcotics Task Force and the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

The Allegany County Narcotics Task Force is a cooperative effort between the Maryland State Police, Allegany County Sheriff's Office, the Cumberland Police Department and the Allegany County States Attorney's Office.

You can report suspected drug activity by leaving an anonymous tip at 301-759-4660, or by visiting the Crime Solvers website, [www.allegany-mineralcrimesolvers.com](http://www.allegany-mineralcrimesolvers.com)





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## Maryland State Police Helicopter Hoists Stranded Mariner

(BALTIMORE, MD) – At about 1:30 p.m. Feb. 23, the Maryland State Police (MSP) duty officer, stationed within the Operations Control Center (OOC) in Baltimore received a request for assistance from the U.S. Coast Guard to hoist a mariner who ran aground in a small pleasure craft.

The mariner of an approximate 21-foot center console pleasure boat ran aground on a sand bar. The mariner tried to push the boat off of the sand bar, but had gotten wet in the cold water and the possibility of hyperthermia was a concern.

Maryland State Police Trooper 6, based in Easton, was in the Baltimore area following a medevac flight and was directed to reposition to the Baltimore Section located at Martin State Airport to refuel and to standby for further tasking. Trooper 6 was directed to launch and arrived on scene within nine minutes.

Trooper 6 located the pleasure craft and remained overhead while the OOC duty officer was in direct communication with the victim on his cell phone. After exhausting other possibilities for recovery of the victim, the decision was made to hoist the victim via communications coordination with the crew of Trooper 6 and the



OOC duty officer.

While the OOC duty officer relayed critical safety information for the hoist to the victim, the pilots maneuvered the AW139 helicopter into position above the victim at approximately 90 feet. Trooper 6 performed the 90-foot hoist extraction of the victim using the rescue basket with the assistance of an officer from the Natural Resources Police.

When the patient was secured inside the aircraft, Trooper 6 confirmed the patient was not injured or in need of medical care and then transported the patient to

Martin State Airport. The mariner was later reunited with his family. The Maryland State Police Aviation Command has served Maryland citizens since 1970, and operates a fleet of ten helicopters from seven bases throughout Maryland on a 24/7/365 basis.

Missions include medevac, law enforcement, search & rescue, homeland security, and disaster assessment. The success of rescues performed by the Aviation Command depends a great deal on the cooperative efforts of local fire, rescue, EMS, law enforcement agencies and our partners at the United States Coast Guard.